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In Re Patent Application of:
Kiyoshi Masaki et al.

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Title: DISK DRIVE APPARATUS (P14859-09)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a two-month extension of time, to and including February 17, 2005, for responding to the Office Action, mailed September 17, 2004. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed herewith.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (**Billing No. 208861.0476**) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
 Extension fee in the amount of \$_____.00
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